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NATIONAL HORTICULTURE BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Horticulture Board has come out with a proposal todelicense the production and sale of wine and beer to be made available on sale like soft drinks;

(b) if so, whether the Managing Director of the Board supplemented his proposalwith figures and slide at a Press conference in Kolkata on January 14, 2002;

(c) if so, the details of the matter discussed therein; and

(d) the reaction of the Government to the proposal?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): No, Sir. The subject of delicencing the production and sale of wine and beer to be made available on sale like soft drinks is a State Subject.

(b) to (d): A National Horticulture Conference is organized every year where thetechnical sessions are held and various technical papers are contributed by authors in their individual capacity highlighting the potential/thrust areas including policy issues pertaining to the development of horticulture. During the National HorticultureConference 2001 held on 16-17th November, 2001, the Managing Director, National Horticulture Board (NHB), presented a paper on `Policy Reforms for the Development ofCommercial Horticulture`, wherein he addressed the policy issues concerning State Governments and other Central Departments/Ministries of the Government which needed a careful review or amendments so as to realize full potential of the horticulture sector and take full advantage of the schemes of the NHB.The recommendations of the Conference need to be carefully studied and examined with regard to their legal and administrative implications.